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SUBJECT: GOS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SUNBEAM COMPANY OF
CHICAGO IN URGENTLY OBTAINING CARPET-TRIMMER

1. SWAZILAND PRISONS OFFICIAL VISITED EMBASSY TO REQUEST
USG ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING SUNBEAM COMPANY OF CHICAGO FOR IN-
FORMATION AND SUBSEQUENT URGENT AIR-SHIPMENT OF CARPET-TRIMMER.
HM KING SOBUZA II HAS DIRECTED PRISONS HANDICRAFTS
SECTION TO PREPARE LARGE CUSTOM-MADE CARPET AS SWAZILAND'S
GIFT TO PRINCESS ANNE OF UK FOR HER WEDDING. PRISONS SATFF,
TWO OF WHOM HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM TAIWAN WHERE THEY WERE
TRAINED IN CARPET-MAKING, SAY THEY MUST HAVE SUNBEAM CARPET-
TRIMMING MACHINE AS USED IN TAIWAN. SUNBEAM AGENT IN
JOHANNESBURG, BARLOW, HAS ACCORDING PRISON OFFICIAL BEEN
UNABLE AND UNWILLING PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE.
CARPET-TRIMMER SHOULD ARRIVE SWAZILAND SOONEST, AND NLT
END OF SEPTEMBER, TO MEET HM'S DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF
CARPET.

2. FOLLOWING WAS ONLY INFORMATION ON ITEM IN QUESTION WHICH
PRISON OFFICIAL COULD PROVIDE. IN APPEARANCE LIKE A SMALL
LAWN-MOWER WITH GUIDEPOSTS TO RUN ALONG EDGE OF CARPET AND
TRIM MATERIAL. DESIGNATION WAS SUNBEAM-STEWART TRIMMER, SOLID
STATE, VARIABLE SPEED. VOLTAGE WAS 110 AND EITHER THIS OR 220
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ACCEPTABLE.

3. IN VIEW HIGH LEVEL GOS INTEREST AND URGENCY, REQUEST
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